

Environment Committee

Re: **H.B. No. 6034 AN *ACT AUTHORIZING BOW AND ARROW HUNTING ON CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY ON SUNDAYS.***

Distinguished Members of the Environmental Committee:

I am writing in SUPPORT of H.B. No. 6043.

Sunday hunting is currently allowed, in some form, in 45 States. It is time for Connecticut to allow hunters to hunt on private properties on Sundays. The bill should allow for Sunday hunting on all private property in Connecticut with written landowner permission.

I am an outdoor enthusiast who enjoys the outdoors in many ways, including hunting. Allowing hunters to hunt on private property will still allow non-hunters to enjoy the outdoors by hiking, birding, etc. without the presence of hunters. All activities on private property require permission of the landowner including hunting, hiking, birding, etc. and without permission an individual would be trespassing. Outdoor enthusiasts will have no hunting presence on lands open to the public and therefore will still be able to enjoy the outdoors free of hunters.

Allowing hunting on Sundays will generate revenue for the state. Many hunters, including myself, travel out-of-state to hunt for all or portions of the hunting season since hunting on Sunday is allowed in neighboring states including New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and New Hampshire.

Allowing hunting on private land is at the discretion of the landowner and should not be restricted to certain days of the week, unless deemed necessary by the specific landowner.

Many hunters, including myself, are unable to enjoy hunting in Connecticut as much as we would like due to work, school, etc. consuming most or all weekdays. Passage of this bill would greatly improve hunters' ability to enjoy the outdoors by doubling the days available for them to hunt.

This will be the third year in a row that a bill has been proposed to allow bow hunting on Sundays. The last two years the bill did not restrict bow hunting on Sundays to specific deer management zones and neither should H.B. 6034.

I urge you to support H.B. 6034 and bring this bill to the House and Senate floors to be voted on.

Sincerely,

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